



# **WILLIAM S. COHEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

## **DECEMBER 2010**

### **Cancellation of After School Activities**

**During the winter months, it may become necessary to cancel after school activities due to inclement weather conditions. Whenever the weather forecast calls for deteriorating conditions, parents should expect that after school activities will be cancelled. You should listen to the three local television stations or the following radio stations for confirmation: WABI 9.10 AM, WKSQ 94.5 FM, or Q106.5 FM. Parents may also go to the Cohen page on [bangorschools.net](http://bangorschools.net) for updates.**

**When severe conditions are present, the decision to cancel will be made by 11:00 AM. If uncertain conditions are present, the decision may be postponed until 1:00 PM.**

### **FITNESS REPORTS**

In Physical Education classes this fall, all students have been participating in physical fitness testing. The series of five tests are endorsed by the President's Council on Physical Fitness. Students were tested in the mile run, curl-ups, pull-ups, shuttle run, and the sit and reach. Each student received a report of their results and comparisons with other students their age, based on national norms. These reports were sent home with first quarter report cards to share with parents. Please contact Ms. Richards or Mr. MacKenzie if you have questions or did not receive this report.

### **LOST ITEMS**

**Please remind your children to check in the main office or the Lost & Found for any lost clothing or other items. We seem to be accumulating many items!**

### **STUDENT CELL PHONE USE AT COHEN**

Cohen students are welcome to bring cell phones to school, but they must be turned off and stored in their lockers between 8:10a.m. and 2:30p.m.

Students who have cell phones in their possession, or who use cell phones during regular school hours, face progressive disciplinary actions. For the first offense, the student loses the phone for the day and the parents are notified. The student may retrieve the cell phone at 2:30pm. If there is a second offense, the student will lose his or her privilege to have a cell phone at school for one month. For a third offense, the student will lose the privilege to have a cell phone at school for the rest of the school year.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

December Break	December 23rd - January 2nd
Martin Luther King Day	January 17th
2nd Quarter Ends	January 21st

## BOOK FAIR

Books, Books, and More Books....It's the sixth annual Cohen Library Book Fair! Books and calendars are supplied by a local vendor and will include books for the entire family. Board-books, cookbooks, calendars and more are offered at a 25% discount! Books are wonderful gifts for any gift giving occasion. Profits from this year's fair will go towards purchasing new books for the library. Volunteers are needed to make the fair the best ever. Call or email Mrs. Soucie in the library if you have 2 hours to spare. Fair hours will be:

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH - 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH - 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH - 8:00 AM - NOON**

To volunteer, call Mrs. Soucie at 941-6230 (ask for library) or email her at [psoucie@bangorschools.net](mailto:psoucie@bangorschools.net).

We will need volunteers for publicity, set up, cashiering, helping students find books and for packing up the leftovers.



## DISTRICT FIVE JUNIOR HIGH HONORS FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the seven choral students selected to the District Five Junior High Honors Festival.

### Middle School Holiday Band Reception

Dear Band, Chorus, and Orchestra Families,

The Cohen Boosters would like to sponsor a small reception to celebrate JFDS and WSCS students' musical accomplishments following this year's concert. The concert will be December 21 at 7 p.m. at Peaks auditorium.

Cohen Booster parents have offered to help with the set up for this event. We are asking for a small donation of \$2.00 per family in order to off set the cost of the food items. Please send it in with your child before the concert or contribute at the reception. If you send money in, please ask your child to drop off contributions to the main office.

If you are interested in helping with the shopping, set up, or serving, please contact [ac Clifford@roadrunner.com](mailto:ac Clifford@roadrunner.com) or phone 990-2926.

## BANGOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS HOLIDAY CONCERT

This year's concert will be held on December 21st at 7:00 pm at Peakes Auditorium. Participants are asked to dress in black and white. Students should arrive at 6:30 pm. A reception will follow the concert.

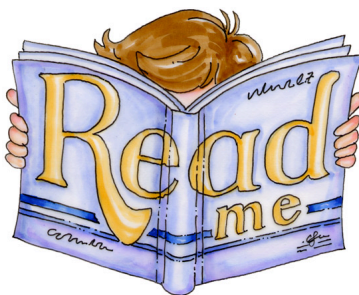
Admission is free and all are welcome!



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## AFTER-SCHOOL LIBRARY

The library will be open after school from 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students come to the library on their own initiative to read, find books, study, do homework or do research. The library is a quiet alternative to the Activity Room.



## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

After decorating boxes, the student council collected nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving. Students were asked to bring in what they could to support needy families in our area. The food drive took place from November 8-19. Items collected included canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, pie filling, boxes of pie crust, canned fruit and juice. The student council donated the turkeys, dinner rolls and potatoes.

### DANCE - DANCE - DANCE - DANCE - DANCE - DANCE - DANCE - DANCE - DANCE

The first dance will be held on **DECEMBER 3RD** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00. Food and drinks will be sold.



## COHEN BOOK TALK

Last spring, 18 members of the Cohen School staff decided to read a common, professional book, *The Under-Resourced Learner* by Ruby Payne and participate in an after school book talk in September and October. Led by Pam Astbury and Marlene Susi, the group discussed ways to incorporate more positive experiences for all parents who visit our school. Many ideas to help disadvantaged students were highlighted. The group felt that the book and the discussions were rewarding and informative. Other book talks are in the future for the staff at WSCS.



Great news! The William S. Cohen School subscribes to CultureGrams. It's an online learning resource that provides concise, reliable, and up-to-date cultural information on hundreds of countries, as well as the U.S. states and Canadian Provinces.

What makes CultureGrams unique is that the information about each country, state, and province, is written and reviewed by natives and updated every year to ensure that it reflects the most accurate information. Each report covers 25 categories, including history, religion, family, economy, gestures, current events, and more. The focus is on the culture of the people, not just on encyclopedic facts that are easily available from many other sources.

The growing diversity of our K-12 student population requires the use of information that promotes better understanding of the similarities and differences of immigrants' native countries and cultures.

Your student can use CultureGrams to...

- Learn about each country's famous people, history, geography, recipes, flags, etc.
- Access a special Kids Edition that is more appropriate for upper-elementary students.
- Use a data table tool to build data sets to compare countries in dozens of ways.
- Share CultureGrams country information with parents and relatives from home.

Your student's teachers are using CultureGrams to...

- Promote multicultural understanding in schools that leads to greater integration and cooperation among students and parents.
- Use CultureGrams model learning activities to save time and use the resources more effectively for students to learn.
- Ensure that content is correlated to state teaching and learning standards.
- Integrate technology and 21st Century Skills into the curriculum.
- Promote global awareness for students who will encounter extensive travel in future education and careers.
- Print and copy PDF files for classroom discussion and student notebooks.

Access Link to CultureGrams is on the William S. Cohen School's Library Homepage. No user name or password is required when accessed here. A special benefit of CultureGrams is that it can be accessed from school or home!

# YEARBOOK

**YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW.** If you or your child wish to purchase a yearbook, please fill out the order form below and send it to school. The price is \$20.00. Make all checks payable to the William S. Cohen School. The deadline for ordering yearbooks is December 17, 2010.



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## YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

\$20.00      Cash \_\_\_\_\_      Check \_\_\_\_\_      Date Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN THIS SLIP WITH YOUR MONEY TO MRS. SOUCIE IN THE LIBRARY.

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## YEARBOOK PATRON

Please consider being a patron. Patron money is used to purchase yearbooks for economically disadvantaged students, and to pay for the shipping and handling of all the yearbooks. Fill out the form below and send it to Mrs. Soucie in the library. Checks should be made payable to the William S. Cohen School.

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## YEARBOOK PATRON FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ A basic patron \$20.00

Please print our/my name as follows in the Cohen yearbook:



## **FROM THE NURSE**

### **TIPS FOR STAYING HEALTHY DURING FLU AND COLD SEASON**

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- Use disposable tissue.
- Get a yearly flu vaccine.

